

Spotlight – 2018 “Best of” Lists & Recaps

Ongoing updates throughout December 2018. Missing a favorite list? Post a recommendation to the KYAC listserv!

Library Trade Publications:

- **Children's Starred Reviews 2018** via [Publishers Weekly](#)
- **Best Children's and YA Books of 2018** via [Publishers Weekly](#)
- **Best Books of 2018** via [School Library Journal](#)
- **Best Adult Books 4 Teens** via [School Library Journal](#)
- **Kirkus “rolling” 2018 Best Lists:**
 - [Picture Books](#)
 - [Middle Grade](#)

Library Media & Blogs:

- **2018 Best Children's & Teen Books of the Year** via [Shelf Awareness](#)
- **Chicago Public Library's Best Books of 2018 – from Board Books to Manga –** via [CCPL website](#)
- **Board Books 2018: What We've Got Here Is an Oddly Strong Year** via [Fuse 8 Blog](#)
(Repost from Spring 2018 in light of year end reviews!)

National Media:

- **The 10 Best YA and Children's Books of 2018** via [Time Magazine](#)
- **Kids Notables 2018** via [New York Times Book Review](#)
- **The 2018 New York Times/New York Public Library Best Illustrated Children's Books** via [NYT](#)
- **Best Children's Books of 2018** via [The Washington Post](#)
- *(Guest Interview with Jason Reynolds)*

Award Lists:

- **2018 Notable Children's Books** via [Association of Library Services to Children](#)
- **2018 Youth Media Awards** via [American Library Association](#)
- **Children's and Teen Book Choice Awards** via [Children's Book Council](#)
- **National Book Award for Young People's Literature** via [National Book Foundation](#)

Miscellany:

- **2018 Book Concierge** via [NPR](#)
- **Parents' 15 Best Books of 2018** via [Parent Magazine](#)
- **Best Kids' Books 2018 – 15 Captivating Reads for All Ages** via [PopSugar Family](#)
- **Best Children's Books of 2018** via [The Telegraph \(U.K.\)](#)
- **Choice Awards & Best Books of 2018** via [Goodreads](#): *(Long Lists – Winner announced Dec. 4)*
 - [Best Picture Books](#)
 - [Best Middle Grade & Children's](#)
 - [Young Adult Science Fiction & Fantasy](#)
 - [Young Adult Fiction](#)

- [Best Debut Author \(ft. YA\)](#)
- [Best Poetry \(ft. YA\)](#)
- [Best Comics and Graphic Novels](#)

Summer Reading Updates

KDLA website “refreshed” for 2019 program

New art work, CSLP resources, and more have been updated on the summer reading support website. Bookmark and visit often for new updates as planning begins for Summer 2019:

<https://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/programs/summerreading/Pages/default.aspx>

Webinar: Resource Overview for "A Universe of Stories"

Tuesday, December 18, 4:00 PM EST/ 3:00 PM CST

Looking for activities, websites, how-to videos, training, and more for the 2019 Summer Reading Theme? Join the STAR Library Network for an overview of vetted, free resources available through NASA, the STAR Library Network, and the STEM Activity Clearinghouse. Presenters will walk you through how to find, access, and sort through – remember, availability doesn’t always equal accessibility! - these resources and offer guidance on how your library can best utilize them! Register:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/df2fa6a0aff0587ed746f627e8486654?timezone_id=America%2FNew_York

New KDLA Resources

Youth Book Discussion Kits are ready for promotion and circulation:

- *Amina’s Voice* / by Hena Khan - <https://kdla.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1057894618>
- *Ghost* / by Jason Reynolds - <https://kdla.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1057893681>

New Youth Services Library Science Titles in the State Library’s collection:

See the complete list at:

<https://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/staffdevelopment/Pages/LibraryScienceResources.aspx>

- [The Stories We Share: a Guide to PreK-12 Books on the Experience of Immigrant Children and Teens in the United States](#)
- [200+ Original and Adapted Story Program Activities](#)
- [Summer Matters: Making All Learning Count](#)
- [Transforming Summer Programs at Your Library: Outreach and Outcomes in Action](#)

Grant & Scholarship Opportunities

Apply Now for the 2018 Summer Learning and Teen Summer Intern Program Grants

Eligible YALSA members can now apply for the 2018 Summer Learning Resources and Teen Summer Intern Program grants. Twenty-five summer learning resources grants, worth \$1,000 each, will be awarded to libraries in need and will allow them to provide resources and services to teens who are English language learners, struggling in school and/or who are from socio-economically challenged

communities. Twenty-five teen summer intern program grants, also worth \$1,000 each, will be awarded to libraries to support the implementation of summer learning programs while also providing teens a chance to build hands-on job skills.

To learn more about the grants and to apply, please visit our Summer Learning website at summerreading.ning.com. Apply by **January 1, 2019**. Recipients will be notified during the week of February 12, 2018. For information about joining YALSA, visit www.ala.org/yalsa/join. YALSA/ALA membership starts at \$65 per year.

ALA News

Kentucky Libraries recognized in ALA & Google “Ready to Code” Campaign Launch

The following libraries won \$500 towards programs and outreach to be conducted during [Computer Science Education Week](#), December 3-9:

- Boyle County
- Jackson County
- Kenton County
- McCracken County
- Pendleton County
- Pike County

The CS Ed Week microfunding comes as part of an announcement by ALA and Grow with Google which includes the launch of the Libraries Ready to Code website, the expansion of Google’s in-person workshops for job seekers and small businesses to libraries in all 50 states, and an additional \$1 million investment in funding to libraries. Libraries across America will be able to access the pool of micro-funds through ALA to implement digital skills programming. ALA will collaborate with the Public Library Association to administer the new digital skills initiative. Funding will become available as the Grow With Google tour comes to your state. For more information about the campaign and for access to a plethora of resources on coding for novice learners to coding experts, visit:

<https://www.librariesreadytocode.org/>

Save the Date: 2019 YA Services Symposium - Memphis, TN

YALSA’s 2019 YA Services Symposium will be held in **Memphis, TN Nov. 1-3, 2019**. Also, keep an eye out in early December for the call for program proposals. Want to get updates about the symposium, including an announcement when we open the travel stipend applications? Sign up at tinyurl.com/yalsasyposiumupdates. Learn more about the symposium at www.ala.org/yalsa/yasymposium.

Youth & Education in the News

A Guide to Executive Function via [The Center on the Developing Child \(Harvard\)](#)

YS Programming Trends

Book Clubs for Beginner Readers via [School Library Journal](#)

Boise librarian hides notes in books as part of guerrilla kindness project via [Book Riot Newsletter](#)

Teen volunteer corps helps run the library via [I Love Libraries Newsletter](#)

8 Ways to Save Money on Programming in a Tiny Library (Part 1) via [Programming Librarian Blog](#)

YS Literature Trends

Nominations open for 2019 Anna Dewdney Award via [Every Child a Reader](#)

Code of Ethics: The Foundation of Our Work via [AASL Blog](#)

(Note: Written from perspective of school librarian, but principles apply across the board to all libraries. For those interested, the 2019 American Association of School Librarian Conference will be in Louisville)

Training Spotlight

KPLA Conference Proposals

The 2019 Kentucky Public Library Association conference – “Kentucky Libraries: Making Spaces” – will be held March 27-29, 2019 at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington. The keynote speaker is Jacqueline Woodson! You can [submit proposals online](#) through Friday, January 18, 2019. For questions about the KPLA conference, please contact KPLA’s Chair Elect, Ruthie Maslin, at 859-623-6704 or rmaslin@madisonlibrary.org.

Save the Date for KLA 2019 Conference

Next year’s Kentucky Library Association conference will be held in Bowling Green from October 24-25, 2019. The theme is “Re-Thinking the Way we Library”. Save the Date and check the [KLA Conference page](#) for future updates.

Just for Fun:

Check Out Some '90s Books From The Library And We'll Reveal Your Exact Age via [Buzzfeed](#)

(Eerily accurate – guessed the age of yours truly within 2 years!)